

Abstract

{0043} Methods and system for controlling the use of content over an instant message session between a source and target computer is provided. The source computer determines one or more attributes which will define the intended content controlled instant message session. The source computer sends a message containing a requested attribute to define the content controlled instant message session to the target computer. The target system determines whether it supports the requested attribute. If it does, the target computer activates a use content feature corresponding to the requested attribute and sends an acknowledgement message to the source computer. Upon receipt of the message, the source computer establishes the content controlled instant message session to limit the use of any subsequent instant message content delivered to the target computer.